## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are pleased to support New York City's application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for Vision Zero Safety Improvements Citywide. The requested \$25 million will support critical safety improvements at priority locations, including traffic calming, pedestrian and bike connections to employment centers, improved public spaces and safety improvements for school children.

The New York City Vision Zero Initiative is an important effort to dramatically reduce fatalities and injuries by implementing safety improvements and increasing education and enforcement. The projects in this application will be implemented at locations that have been identified through crash analysis and community input. The New York City Department of Transportation has outlined a series of safety projects spanning four boroughs. One series of projects includes greenways that will connect workers to employment centers and open up the waterfront while taming industrial streets. Another includes traffic calming and greening of corridors that currently act as barriers between neighborhoods. New high-quality public spaces will be established in neighborhoods that are currently underserved. And, most importantly, comprehensive safety projects will be implemented near schools so parents do not have to worry about their children's safety getting to and from class.

The safety projects in this application have a track record of success. Similar projects implemented in the past have reduced fatalities by between 20 and 88 percent. Approval of this application will help to make New York City's streets some of the safest in the country, and go a long way toward reaching our shared goal of eliminating fatalities on our streets.

We fully support this application and ask that you give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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